

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-36 are rejected. Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are amended herein.

102 Rejection

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Spencer (U.S. Patent No. 6,356,909). The Applicant has reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as is recited in Claims 1-36 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer.

The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 1, which recites that embodiments of the present invention are directed to a method for generating a plurality of templates:

... displaying to the user said selected template, wherein said selected template enables a user to select said sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a particular document to be built, and said selected template enables a user to select the sequence of said sections, sub-sections, and fields in said particular document to be built.

Claims 10, 19 and 28 contain limitations similar to those of Claim 1. Claims 2-9, 11-18, 20-27 and 29-36 depend from Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 respectively and recite further limitations of the invention.

Spencer does not anticipate or render obvious a method for generating a plurality of templates that includes “displaying a list comprising said plurality of templates to accommodate a selection of at least one of said plurality of templates by a user” as is recited

in Claim 1 (Claims 10, 19 and 28 recite similar limitations). Spencer only shows a web-based system for managing a request for proposal and responses. It should be noted that Spencer discloses employing template sections of the same basic type for presenting subject matter of different types. By contrast, the embodiment of the Applicant's invention that is set forth in Claim 1 requires that users be enabled to select a template from a displayed list of templates and to select different types of template sections for inclusion in a document that is built.

In fact, nowhere in the Spencer reference is there taught or suggested displaying a list of templates to a user for selection and thereafter displaying a selected template wherein the selected template enables a user to select sections, sub-sections and fields for inclusion in a document that is under construction. Therefore all of the elements of Claims 1, 10 19 and 28 are not taught or suggested by Spencer. Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicant's invention as are set forth in Claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Spencer.

Accordingly, the Applicant also respectfully submits that Spencer does not anticipate or render obvious the present claimed invention as is recited in Claims 2-9 dependent on Claim 1, Claims 11-18 dependent on Claim 10, Claims 20-27 dependent on Claim 19 and Claims 29-36 dependent on Claim 28 and that these Claims overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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